Rs. 10,000/- to each of those with simple injuries.

Competitiveness of Indian Railways

†519. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that working of Indian Railways is required to be proficient and efficient so that it could be compared successfully with the foreign railway services;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that freight charges in Indian Railways are 66 per cent more in comparison to Chinese Railways; and

(d) if so, the time limit fixed by the Government to make railways services at par with the international services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir, The Indian Railways is performing efficiently and compares successfully with foreign railway services.

(b) The freight charges pertaining to foreign railways including Chinese Railways are not maintained in Ministry of Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of unigauge policy

520. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government invested huge amount in the unigauge policy during the last decade;

(b) if so, the total kilometers which have been brought under unigauge since 2002;

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) whether Railways have derived benefits from the policy; and

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